

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device equipped with a substrate (1) having an upper-a surface, a metallic structure (5) incorporated into the substrate (1), and a layer assembly on the upper-surface of the substrate (1), the layer assembly comprising at least a first electrode (2), an electroluminescent layer (3) and a second electrode (4), wherein the metallic structure (5) is in electrical contact with the first electrode (2), and the layer resistance of the metallic structure (5) is lower than the layer resistance of the first electrode (2), characterized in that the metallic structure (5) covers up-to-not more than 10% of the upper-surface of the substrate.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3.(Previously Presented) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the layer thickness of the metallic structure (5) is greater than the layer thickness of the first electrode (2).

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5.(Previously Presented) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the metallic structure (5) exhibits a structure selected from the group of strips, grids, wavy lines, zigzag lines and sawtooth lines.